dicke, God giue me patience.

Leonato She doth indeed, my daughter saies so, and the extasie hath so much ouerborne her, that my daughter is sometime afeard shee will doe a desperate out-rage to her selfe, it is very true.

Prince It were good that Benedicke knew of it by some other, if she will not discouer it.

Claudio To what end: he would make but a sport of it, and torment the poore Lady worse.

Prince And he should, it were an almes to hang him shees an excellent sweete lady, and (out of all suspition,) she is vertuous.

Claudio And she is exceeding wise.

Prince In euery thing but in louing Benedicke.

Leonato O my Lord, wisedome and blood combating in so tender a body, we haue ten proofes to one, that blood hath the victory, I am sory for her, as I haue iust cause, beeing her vncle, and her gardian.

Prince I would shee had bestowed this dotage on mee. I would haue daft all other respects, and made her halfe my self: I pray you tell Benedicke of it, and heare what a will say.

Leonato Were it good thinke you?

Claudio Hero thinkes surely she will die, for she sayes shee will die, if he loue her not, and shee will die ere shee make her loue knowne, and she will die if he wooe her, rather than shee will bate one breath of her accustomed crosnesse.

Prince She doth well, if shee shoulde make tender of her loue, tis very possible heele scorne it, for the man (as you know all) hath a contemptible spirite.

Claudio He is a very proper man.

Prince He hath indeede a good outward happines.

Claudio Before God, and in my mind, very wise.

Prince Hee dooth indeede shew some sparkes that are like wit.

Claudio And I take him to be valiant.

Prince As Hector, I assure you, and in the mannaging of quarrels you may say he is wise, for either hee auoydes them with

with great discretion, or vndertakes t
anlike feare.

Leonato If he do feare God, a mu
if hee breake the peace, hee ought to
feare and trembling.

Prince And so will hee doe, for
howsoeuer it seemes not in him, by
make: well I am sory for your niece,
dicke, and tell him of her loue?

Claudio Neuer tell him, my Lord
good counsell.

Leonato Nay thats impossible,
out first.

Prince Well, we will heare furth
let it coole the while, I loue Benedic
he would modestly examine himsel
vnworthy so good a lady.

Leonato My lord, will you walk

Claudio If he do not doate on he
trust my expectation.

Prince Let there be the same ne
must your daughter and her gentle
will be, when they holde one an op
and no such matter, thats the scene
wil be meerely a dumbe shew: let v
dinner.

Benedicke This can be no tricke
borne, they haue the trueth of this f
pittie the Lady: it seemes her affec
loue me? why it must be requited: I
they say I will beare my selfe prowd
come from her: they say too, that s
anie signe of affection: I did neue
not seeme prowd, happy are they t
and can put them to mending: the
trueth, I can beare them witnesse: a
not reproue it, and wise, but for l